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BROWN CO-SPONSOR OF FOUR BILLS PASSED BY HOUSE

INDIANAPOLIS – State Rep. Charlie Brown (D-Gary) was the co-sponsor of four bills that were passed by the Indiana House today. The legislation included office-based sedation standards, a Medicaid waiver for family planning services, prescription drugs, and the CHOICE board.

Senate Bill 225 would require the Medical Licensing Board to adopt rules concerning sedation standards for outpatient procedures in medical offices. Brown felt that the increase in invasive procedures in offices as opposed to hospitals warranted the creation of these guidelines to ensure the safety of Hoosier outpatients. Representatives passed it 94-2.

A bill offering a Medicaid waiver for coverage of family planning services for certain women was also passed by the House on a 92-0 vote. Senate Bill 572 would provide this service for two years after women who qualify for the program have a baby.

"Studies have shown that women should wait two years after giving birth to have another baby," said Brown. "Providing women on Medicaid with family planning services during the two years after birthing will help keep them healthy, which also benefits the babies as well since the mothers will be more physically able to care for them."

Legislation dealing with the electronic transmission of medical prescriptions was passed on a 97-0 vote. Senate Bill 590 would allow prescriptions to be sent to pharmacies for certain low-risk drugs. The Board of Pharmacy would be responsible for adopting rules to ensure the security of the information.

Finally, Senate Bill 615, legislation that would add additional members to the Community and Home Options to Instructional Care for the Elderly and Disabled (CHOICE) Board, was passed by a 98-0 vote. Additional duties will also be distributed to the board members as well.

Except for Senate Bill 615, all of these measures will be sent to Gov. Daniels for consideration. Senate Bill 615 will now return to the Senate for concurrence with changes made in the House.

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